

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED
HOME VISITATION¹ IN IDAHO**

WHEREAS, home visitation programs promote the well-being of mothers and their children; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), ~~and~~ Parents as Teachers ~~and other are~~ evidence-based, home visitation programs ~~that~~ improve the health, well-being, and self sufficiency of low-income, first-time parents and their children; and

WHEREAS, home visitation helps women improve their health behaviors related to substance abuse and nutrition, significant risk factors for pre-term delivery, low birth weight, and infant neuro-developmental impairment²; and

WHEREAS, these improvements include reductions in preterm delivery for women who smoke; reductions in high-risk pregnancies ~~as a result of~~ birth-spacing; and children's cognitive, social, and behavioral skills and development³; and

WHEREAS, home visitation programs have demonstrated improvement in the overall well-being of the family. These improvements include increased maternal employment and economic self-sufficiency; increased presence of the father in the household; reduced child abuse and neglect; reduced maternal and child arrests; and reduced behavioral and intellectual problems among children at age six⁴;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health supports the expanded development and maintenance of evidenced-based home visitation programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho State Legislature support policies that give the Public Health Districts of Idaho the capacity to establish home visitation ~~programs and~~ programs and to provide funding or a mechanism for reimbursement for services delivered through these programs.

Adopted by the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health

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¹ National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), Statement of Policy 07-13, retrieved February 28, 2008 from <http://www.naccho.org>

² [Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Review: Executive Summary August 2017](#)~~Ibid.~~

³ Nurse-Family Partnership, Research Evidence, retrieved on November 21, 2007 from <http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org>

⁴ Ibid.